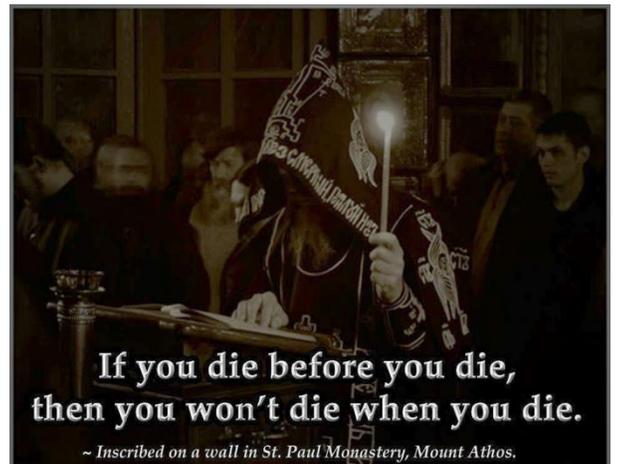


# THE PHOENIX



- ⌘ While the Phoenix is not a *real* bird, what is important is what it teaches us.
- ⌘ The Church has always used the Phoenix to teach about what is called the Resurrection of the dead.
- ⌘ The story of the Phoenix is that when it dies, it rises from the ashes of its death. This teaches us about the resurrection of Jesus and so also our resurrection. The Phoenix dies and then it is reborn from the ashes of its death.
- ⌘ Jesus too died but, in His death, He conquered death. **THAT MEANS** that when we die, we too will be raised from the dead on the last day!
- ⌘ As we talked about yesterday. Jesus Christ, who is God's Son and our Savior , died for the sin of the world on the Holy Cross. The reason that Jesus died is so that He could destroy death. When Jesus destroyed death, it couldn't keep Him, so He rose from the dead (that's what we celebrate at Easter).



**If you die before you die,  
then you won't die when you die.**

~ Inscribed on a wall in St. Paul Monastery, Mount Athos.

## Answer the following Questions and find the words in the search:

1. What is the missing word in the refrain for today's hymn (extra points if you sing it!)  
♪♪ Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_;  
But now has Christ \_\_\_\_\_! ♪♪
2. *But in fact \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead* (1 Corinthians 15:20)
3. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, and the Sacrament of Holy \_\_\_\_\_, we will participate in the Resurrection from the dead.
4. *For if we have been united with him in a \_\_\_\_\_ like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a \_\_\_\_\_ like his* (Romans 6:5)
5. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian will be raised from the dead, Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is always taken very seriously
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is an ancient image for the Resurrection from the dead.
7. The angel said *You seek \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.* (Mark 16:6)



ARISEN	BAPTISM	BODY
BURIAL	CHRIST	DEATH
JESUS	PHOENIX	RAISED
RESURRECTION		

S	D	X	V	B	Y	J	D	H	B	S	R	T	V	G
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### Fill in the blanks from Ezekiel 37:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the \_\_\_\_\_ to these \_\_\_\_\_: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a \_\_\_\_\_, and behold, a \_\_\_\_\_, and the bones came together, \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and \_\_\_\_\_ had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no \_\_\_\_\_ in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and \_\_\_\_\_ on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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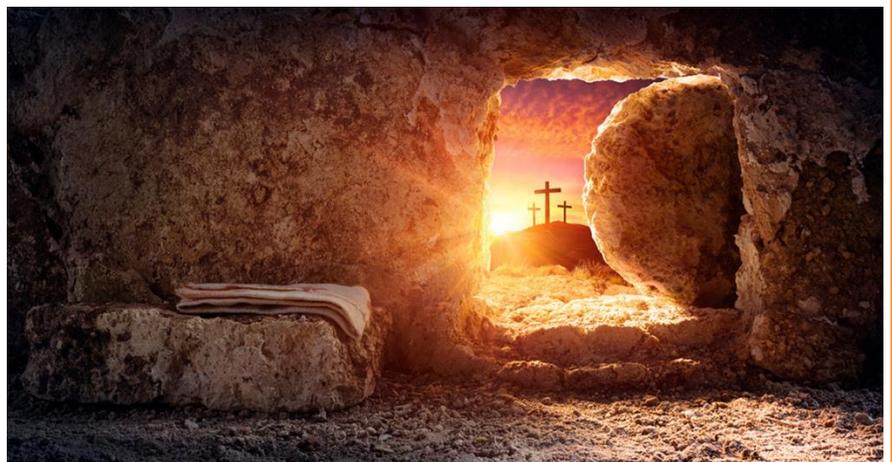
Bone to its bone. Live.  
Rattling. Stood. Lord God.  
Breath. Sound. Bones.  
Flesh.

### 1 Corinthians 15:14-21

if \_\_\_\_\_ has not been \_\_\_\_\_, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the \_\_\_\_\_ are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your \_\_\_\_\_ is futile and you are still in your \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But \_\_\_\_\_ Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came \_\_\_\_\_, by a man has come also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead.

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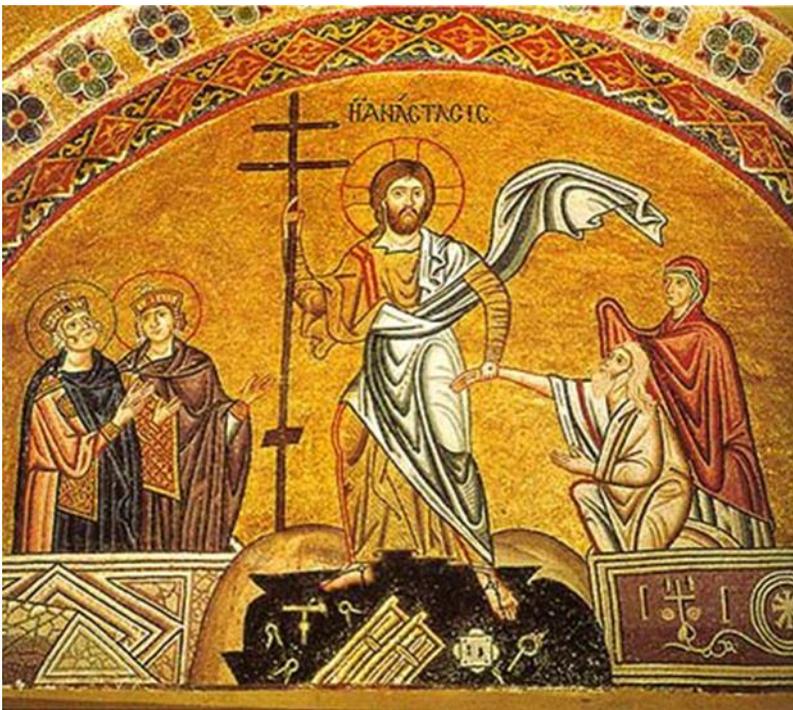
Resurrection.  
Raised. Dead.  
Fallen asleep.  
Faith. In fact.  
Sins. Christ.



## Here is some Christian Poetry for you to consider.

*(some of the words sound weird because it is really really old!)*

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,



Much pleasure;  
then from thee  
much more must  
flow,  
And soonest our  
best men with  
thee do go,  
Rest of their  
bones, and soul's  
delivery.  
Thou art slave to  
fate, chance,  
kings, and  
desperate men,

And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

Come, come with me to the old churchyard,  
I so well know those paths 'neath the soft green sward.  
Friends in there that we want to regard;  
We can trace out their names in the old churchyard.

Mourn not for them, their trials are o'er,  
And why weep for those who will weep no more?  
For sweet is their sleep, though cold and hard  
Their pillows they be in the old churchyard.  
I know that it's vain when our friends depart  
To breathe kind words to a broken heart;  
And I know that the joy of life is marred  
When we follow friends to the old churchyard.

But were I at rest 'neath yonder tree,  
Why would you weep, my friends, for me?  
I'm so wayworn, why would you retard  
The peace I seek in the old churchyard?  
Why weep for me, for I'm ready to go  
To that haven of rest where no tears ever flow;  
And I fear not to enter that dark lonely tomb  
Where our saviour has lain and conquered the gloom.

I rest in the hope that one bright day  
Sunshine will burst through this prison of clay,  
And Gabriel's trumpet and the voice of the Lord  
Will wake up the dead in the old churchyard.

What do these poems teach you about death and the resurrection from the dead?

## Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

